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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 August 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 22-43 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 22-43 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response To Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see applicant's remarks, filed on 08/30/2007, with respect to the rejection(s) of claims 22-43 under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Feldman, Paul H. (European Publication No. EP 0 461 314 hereinafter, "Feldman") and Cygan et al. (U.S PAT. 5,542,096 hereinafter, "Cygan").

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 22, 27-29, 31-35 and 39-43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Feldman, Paul H. (European Publication No. EP 0 461 314 hereinafter, "Feldman") in view of Cygan et al. (U.S PAT. 5,542,096 hereinafter, "Cygan").

Consider claims 22, 34 and 43, Feldman teaches a power control device comprising: a calibration unit (figs. 1 and 2) configured to calibrate the transmission or receiving power (amplitude stabilization) of a transmitter or receiver in a mobile communication network, the calibration unit including a summer (fig. 2 power combiner 28) connected to an antenna array (10) of the transmitted or receiver, wherein the summer is configured to sum transmission or reception signals (fig. 2 col. 5 line 50 through 6 line 10), and a common calibrating device (figs. 1 and 2) configured to calibrate (amplitude stabilization) the summed signals (fig. 1 col. 5 lines 11-27).

Feldman does not explicitly show that a power control loop configured to control the output power of the power amplifier, the power control loop containing a detector configured to detect the output of the power amplifier, and a controller configured to control the detector so as to detect the output of the power amplifier only during a time of output of a training sequence using a time-window to activate the detector only during the training sequence and to stop the detection function of the detector during the other times, wherein the device is configured to control the power based on the detected output power, and wherein the device is configured to transmit or receive burst signals for the antenna array and the burst signals include the fixed training sequence.

In the same field of endeavor, Cygan teaches a power control loop configured to control the output power of the power amplifier, the power control loop containing a detector configured to detect the output of the power amplifier, and a controller configured to control the detector so as to detect the output of the power amplifier only during a time of output of a training sequence using a time-window to activate the

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detector only during the training sequence and to stop the detection function of the detector during the other times, wherein the device is configured to control the power based on the detected output power, and wherein the device is configured to transmit or receive burst signals for the antenna array and the burst signals include the fixed training sequence (figs. 1 and 2 col. 4 lines 6-34 and col. 5 line 45 through col. 6 line 67).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use, a power control loop configured to control the output power of the power amplifier, the power control loop containing a detector configured to detect the output of the power amplifier, and a controller configured to control the detector so as to detect the output of the power amplifier only during a time of output of a training sequence using a time-window to activate the detector only during the training sequence and to stop the detection function of the detector during the other times, wherein the device is configured to control the power based on the detected output power, and wherein the device is configured to transmit or receive burst signals for the antenna array and the burst signals include the fixed training sequence, as taught by Cygan, in order to determine the effects the transmitter adjusts either the gain of a variable gain stage within the feedback loop or a signal source level to maintain the transmitter's linearity requirement.

Consider claims 23 and 35, Cygan further teaches the controller configured to issue a control signal that is applied to a control input of the detector, and the controller

is configured to generate the control signal with a timing so as to operate the detector only when the power amplifier outputs the fixed training sequence (col. 4 lines 6-34).

Consider claims 27 and 39, Feldman further teaches the device is configured to measure, for transmit calibration, idle timeslots with only one column active (col. 5 line 50 through col. 6 line 10).

Consider claims 28 and 40, Feldman further teaches for receive calibration, a dummy burst is generated and modulated onto a carrier, the device is configured to receive the dummy burst in each branch of a transmitter, to measure the amplitude and phase differences between each path are measured and to use the result of such measurement as a new receive calibration offset (col. 6 lines 11-24).

Consider claim 29, Feldman further teaches a chipset of a mobile terminal which is used for calibration in conjunction with the calibration unit (col. 4 lines 17-32).

Consider claim 31, Feldman further teaches an open loop static power control configured to control the output power of the power amplifier, wherein the open loop static power control comprises a controllable attenuator arranged upstream of the input side of the power amplifier, the controllable attenuator configured to control by the controller (col. 3 line 55 through col. 4 line 32).

Consider claims 32 and 41, Feldman further teaches the device is configured to set the output power on the basis of information measured in a previous timeslot and to avoid making power corrections during a measured timeslot (col. 5 lines 46-49).

Consider claims 33 and 42, Feldman further teaches the device is comprised in a smart antenna structure comprising several antennas, including a power amplifier in each antenna path, a common attenuator, and a splitter arranged between the common attenuator and the antenna paths, each power amplifier including an embodiment of the power control loop (col. 5 line 56 through col. 6 line 37).

5. Claims 24-26, 30, and 36-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Feldman in view of Cygan, and further in view of Visser (U.S. PUB. 2002/0177417).

Consider claims 24 and 36, Feldman and Cygan, in combination, fails to teach a transmission branch and a reception branch, and a first switch configured to switch the connection of the summer either to the transmission branch or to the reception branch.

However, Visser teaches a transmission branch and a reception branch, and a first switch for switching the connection of the summing either to the transmission branch or to the reception branch (page 1 [0004]).

Therefore, it is obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the disclosing of Visser into view of Feldman and Cygan, in

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order to provide switching of a transmit branch in a transceiver to an antenna feed point that also under high voltage output signals delivered by a transmit power output stage causes no component break through or other problems.

Consider claims 25 and 37, Visser further teaches a second switch configured to switch the connection of the transmission branch either to the summer or first switch, or to a reference coupler configured to supply a reference signal to the transmission branch (page 1 [0004]).

Consider claims 26 and 38, Visser further teaches switch provided in the transmission branch configured to temporarily blank the transmission branch (page 1 [0006]).

Consider claim 30, Visser further teaches a passive coupling network in the antenna array and a calibration board which works at radio frequencies in conjunction with the calibration unit (page 3 claim 10).

Conclusion

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